



Working with Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Information for businesses

Who we are

The Wildlife Trusts are a grassroots movement of independent charities, covering the whole of the UK. In addition, we have a central charity, the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts which acts as an umbrella body and adds national strength to our local relevance. Collectively, the Trusts have more than 900,000 members, 38,000 volunteers and 3,400 staff.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust is one of 46 such Trusts and is the third oldest in the UK, having been founded in 1948. We have been managing nature reserves in Lincolnshire for over 75 years and are one of the largest land owners in the county. We also help others manage land through our advice services to farmers and others. We have restored and care for some of the most special and complex habitats in Lincolnshire and we have a track record of safeguarding and restoring some of the rarest and most threatened species in the UK.

Together we engage more children and families than any other UK environmental charity. In Lincolnshire we welcome over 4,000 school children to our sites every year, run family activities and events and have a junior membership branch called Wildlife Watch.

We have a vision for abundant, diverse wildlife and natural processes that create wilder landscapes where people and nature thrive. However, we know that we can't achieve this alone.

Principles of Engagement

We are facing an ecological and climate emergency, and urgent action is needed. The Wildlife Trusts are leading a movement for change, where there is more space for nature and more people on nature's side.

To address the environmental challenges we all face, we are looking to collaborate with companies and organisations who share our vision. We will celebrate industry leaders and help others to meet their aspirations in relation to their environmental impact.

We want to work with partners who are interested in supporting at least one of our three strategic goals which are:

- 1. Nature in Lincolnshire is in recovery with abundant, diverse wildlife and natural processes creating wilder land and seascapes where people and nature thrive.*
- 2. People in Lincolnshire are taking action for nature and the climate, resulting in better decision making for the environment at both the local level and across the four nations of the UK.*
- 3. Nature in Lincolnshire is playing a central and valued role in helping to address local and global problems.*



We will use our collaborative approach, knowledge and expertise to support your business or project to drive environmental change and reduce its negative impacts.

We retain our independence and will provide you with candid and constructive guidance.

We choose our partnerships carefully to make sure that together, we can have the biggest impact in tackling the nature and climate emergencies.

Due Diligence

As a group of charities, it is very important that we adhere to the high standards expected of us, not least by our members, who love and care for nature and whose support we rely on.

We therefore understand that both parties will want to undertake thorough due diligence processes before entering into any partnership.

Our due diligence process is overseen by our Chief Executive and Board of Trustees. It looks carefully at matters that might affect our reputation and ability to deliver our charitable objects.

The types of things we consider include the prospective business's recent track record and reputation in environmental matters, and their commitments to nature and climate.

Examples of the particular issues we might look at include a prospective company's involvement in or approach to:

- Fracking
- New fossil fuel development
- Certain major infrastructure projects and other development which might negatively impact key wildlife sites
- Global deforestation and use of unsustainably sourced palm oil and soy
- Biofuel production
- Forced and/or child labour
- Serious pollution incidents and other breaches of environmental law
- Animal testing and cruelty

These will all be considered in discussions with you, based on a risk management approach.

By working with us, your business will be able to demonstrate its commitment to supporting our high impact, local action, which tackles the issues that affect us all. You will join a growing movement for change that is creating a better world for everyone.

